

**Community and In-Home Options to Institutional Care
for the Elderly and Disabled (CHOICE) Board
September 15, 2016
Indiana Government Center South - Conference Room 4
402 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN**

CHOICE Board Members in Attendance: Chairperson Jean Macdonald, Senator Jean Leising, Rep. Ed Clere, Dorian Maples, Judith Schoon, Andy Weidekamp, Lynn Clough

CHOICE Board Members Absent: Sen. Jean Breaux, Prudence Twigg, Beth Schoenfeld

Visitors in Attendance: Stacy Kahre, Orion Bell, Kathy Williams, Kristen LaEace

Staff in Attendance: Yonda Snyder, Debbie Pierson, Willie Poindexter

Chairperson Jean Macdonald called the meeting to order, and had Judith Schoon introduce herself as a new member. Judith is a Commission on Aging member serving on the CHOICE Board as the designee for the Commission on Aging Chair.

The Chairperson asked the Board to review the May 19th minutes for any corrections. With there being none, the minutes were approved unanimously by the Board. The June 2016 meeting was cancelled due to the number of Board members not in attendance.

Unfinished Business: Per the Chairperson, the Medicaid reimbursement rate for home health discussed at the May CHOICE Board meeting has been resolved. The current rate will carry over into the new fiscal year until OMPP can create a new reimbursement formula.

Division of Aging (Division) Update: Director Yonda Snyder reviewed the legislation passed in 2015 that sunsetted the pre-admission screening process; a new process went into effect July 1 2016.

In spring 2016, the Division Director and Deputy Director introduced INconnect Alliance as the new statewide umbrella brand to the Area Agencies on Aging. The second round of the internal launch will take place in late October. And later in fall 2016, the Division will take the INconnect Alliance public with the help of the FSSA's embedded public relations firm.

Senate Bill 192 requires the Division to work with the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Counsel (IPAC) to write a report and make recommendations to Adult Protective Services in Indiana. The Division is scheduled to meet with IPAC Sept. 23rd for a discussion. The Division has also spent an enormous amount of time on the CMS home and community-based setting tool. In the

fall, the Division will hold stakeholder meetings to decide what “community integration” means.

The Division sent the second version of the CHOICE pilot report to the General Assembly and now will email copies to the Board since it was just finalized.

The CHOICE Annual Report is ready for review. The format is significantly different this year. The Division is doing only what is required by state statute, which is why the report is shorter in length. According to state statute, the CHOICE Board will receive the report by October 1st and the legislature will have it by December 30th after it has been approved by the Board.

A request was made to have the area agencies involved in the CHOICE pilot give a report at the next meeting.

Four (4) vacancies currently exist on the CHOICE Board. Application paperwork is being prepared by an interested party to be considered for one of the vacancies.

It was recommended the Board review its parliamentary procedures and policies for possible revision and updating. FSSA and the Division will provide legal assistance as needed. Chair Macdonald recommended Board members take the state statute home and make notes to review via conference call October 6th.

I4A Update: I4A CEO Kristen LaEace said the Association discussed assisted living and the administrative rule, and several task forces are looking at the administrative code, especially residents’ rights. One item it advocated for in the General Assembly was the guardianship visitation issue. I4A coordinated with various stakeholders during the legislative session and was able to stall some legislation, which has been moved to a study committee. Another issue I4A followed during the summer was Indiana’s opioid epidemic.

The Association has also been participating as a stakeholder in the APS reform effort. On Oct. 20th along with AARP, Indiana will be holding its third annual Elder Justice meeting at the Eiteljorg Museum. An invite for the event will be sent to the Board. Kristen also mentioned that the AAAs have been adjusting to their new contracts with the Division.

Educational packets were distributed and reviewed.

Adjournment: With no further business, Chairperson Macdonald adjourned the meeting with unanimous approval from the Board. The next Board meeting is scheduled for November 17 2016.